THE EIGHTH DAY.

Tuesday, the 10th March 1931.

The Assembly met again at 11-30 A. M. on Tuesday, the 10th March 1931, the Dewan presiding.

128. Agricultural Development.

MR. K. G. LUKE MUTALALI (*Quilon taluk, Group II*), who spoke in Malayalam, made the following suggestions for the development of agriculture :—

A manure depot should be established in every *pakuthi*. The location of depots in towns, which were not agricultural centres, was very inconvenient. Ryots should be taught to use scientific manures and Government should make arrangements for such manures being sold to the people at low prices. Improved agricultural implements should be distributed through the agency of the Agricultural Department. Necessary instruction should be imparted, by periodical lectures and by the publication of booklets, in the proper use of the implements.

A stud bull should be maintained in every *pakuthi* and grazing grounds should be provided for the rearing of cattle.

Paddy fields which were not served by irrigation canals or *chiras* should be provided with pumps. There were extensive areas of land which could not be cultivated for want of irrigation facilities.

Special attention should be paid to the issue of agricultural loans with a view to see that the benefits of the scheme were made available in all *pakuthies*. Only influential people were now able to get loans. The Government should endeavour to understand the needs of the ryots and, having understood them, should take steps to improve their lot.

DEWAN'S REPLY : മി: ലൂക്കുമുതലാളി, നിങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതികളിൽ അധികവും ഇപ്പോൾതന്നെ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിലും അന്വേഷണത്തിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിലും ഇരിക്കുന്നവയാണ്. വിത്തുകാളകൾക്ക് ഗ്രാൻറ് നൽകുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും വളർത്തിവരുന്ന വിത്തുകാളകൾക്കും പുറമെ ജനങ്ങൾ വളർത്തുന്ന വിത്തുകാളകൾക്കു ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഗ്രാൻറും കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

MEMBER : ഗ്രാൻറു വളരെ ചുരുക്കമായിട്ടേ കൊടുക്കുന്നുള്ളൂ.

DEWAN : ഞാൻ ആദ്യമെ പറഞ്ഞത് നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതികളെല്ലാം ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നു എന്നാണ്. ഇങ്ങിനെ നാം ക്രമേണ ഇതിനു അഭിവൃദ്ധി ഉണ്ടാവുകയും ചെയ്യും.

MEMBER : ഗവണ്മെൻറുവളത്തിനു വെളിയിൽനിന്നും വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽവില കൊടുക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

DEWAN : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാം.

[Most of the subjects dealt with in your representation are under consideration by Government or the department concerned. Government are giving grants for the maintenance of seed bulls, besides maintaining bulls in the Government farms. The grants may be insufficient but action has already been taken in the direction indicated, and the conditions will improve gradually. An enquiry will be conducted into the causes of the comparatively high price of departmental manure.]

129. Needs of the Minachil taluk.

MR. ULAHANNAN ULAHANNAN (*Minachil taluk, Group II*), who spoke in Malayalam, said that most of the subjects included in his representation were moved in previous sessions of the Assembly. If Government had sympathetically considered them, there would have been no need to bring them up again at the 27th session. Government showed great reluctance to take steps to remedy the wants of the taluk. The member then enumerated the needs of the taluk.

The construction of the new bridge on the Lalam-Ponkunnam road in the place of the bridge which had been damaged by floods, should be put in hand immediately.

A building should be constructed for the Minachil Munsiff's Court.

Arrangements should be made for lights being provided by the Sanitary Department in Palai, a major conservancy town.

Landing and bathing ghats should be constructed on the river near the Palai market. No facilities were provided for the inhabitants of the town to bathe in the river or for the loading and unloading of goods in canoes.

The following roads should be improved and kept in good condition:—

(i) the Marangattupalli-Uzhavoor road;
(ii) the Lalam-Uzhavoor road passing through Kudakkachira;
(iii) the Cherpunkal-Kozhuvanal road;
(iv the Lalam-Ramapuram road; *via* Karur
(v) the Ramapuram-Uzhavoor road;
(vi) the Kidangoor-Mattakara road;
(vii) the Kidangoor-Kudalloor road;
(viii) the Kudalloor-Kadaplamattom road; and
(ix) the Cherpunkal-Kadaplamattom road;

The sanctioned bridge on the Kadanad road should be constructed immediately.